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SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL US CONTRIBUTION TO UNFDAC

1. DEPARTMENT TODAY RELEASED TO PRESS NARCOTICS SECTION
OF AMBASSADOR SCALI SPEECH BASED UPON TEXT RECEIVED FROM
USIS/IO GENEVA. TEXT OF RELEASE FOLLOWS:

QUOTE:

2. THE UNITED STATES HAS PLEDGED ANOTHER FOUR MILLION
DOLLARS TO THE UNITED NATIONS FUND FOR DRUG ABUSE CONTROL
AND HAS ASKED OTHER NATIONS TO COOPERATE IN ATTACKING THE
EVIL OF NARCOTICS ADDICTION AT ITS ROOTS.

3. THE PLEDGE, ANNOUNCED JULY 9 IN A SPEECH BY US
AMBASSADOR JOHN SCALI TO THE UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC AND
SOCIAL COUNCIL (ECOSOC), BRINGS US CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE
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FUND TO EIGHT MILLION DOLLARS, AND THE TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS,

PAID AND PLEDGED TO THE FUND, TO MORE THAN 9.7 MILLION DOLLARS.

4. IN ANNOUNCING THE NEW DONATION, AMBASSADOR SCALI READ A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT NIXON WHICH SAID:

"AS I HAVE STATED IN THE PAST, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO AN ALL-OUT ATTACK ON DRUG ABUSE. BECAUSE THIS MENACE KNOWS NO POLITICAL OR IDEOLOGICAL BOUNDARIES, WE HAVE CONSIDERED IT ESSENTIAL THAT THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD JOIN TOGETHER IN THIS EFFORT;

5. "THE UNITED STATES HAS THEREFORE BEEN A FIRM SUPPORTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS FUND FOR DRUG ABUSE CONTROL SINCE ITS INCEPTION. AS TANGIBLE EVIDENCE OF THE CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FOR ITS PROGRAMS, THE UNITED STATES HEREBY PLEDGES AN ADDITIONAL FOUR MILLION DOLLARS TO THE FUND.

6. "THIS CONTRIBUTION IS BASED ON OUR CONVICTION THAT A MULTILATERAL PROGRAM CAN FUND DRUG CONTROL PROJECTS WHICH NO SINGLE NATION CAN ACCOMPLISH ON ITS OWN, AND THAT ALL MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SHOULD CONTRIBUTE GENEROUSLY TO IT."

7. AMBASSADOR SCALI TOLD THE COUNCIL:

"IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT DRUG ABUSE IS A PROBLEM ONLY OF THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WHO, THEREFORE, ARE THE ONLY ONES WHO NEED BE CONCERNED. I NEED NOT TELL YOU THAT A SIMILAR ATTITUDE OF INDIFFERENCE WOULD DO TO THE WORK OF THIS ORGANIZATION IF THIS ARGUMENT WERE APPLIED TO THE PROBLEMS OF POVERTY, ILLITERACY AND DISEASE."

8. THE DRUG PROBLEM CAN ONLY BE SOLVED INTERNATIONALLY, AMBASSADOR SCALI SAID, POINTING OUT THAT "THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN ASKED AND HAS GIVEN ASSISTANCE ON MATTERS OF PRINCIPAL CONCERN TO OTHERS ON INNUMERABLE OCCASIONS.

9. "NOW WE HAVE A PROBLEM WHICH FOR THE MOMENT AFFECTS UNCLASSIFIED

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US PERHAPS MORE THAN MOST. QUITE FRANKLY, WE NOW ARE ASKING FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN ATTACKING THIS EVIL AT ITS SOURCES." UNQUOTE. ROGERS

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